



# Parkers Mountain Trail #634

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**Stearns District**  
3320 US 27 North  
Whitley City, KY 42653  
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**Directions**  
From US 27 in Whitley City, take KY 92 west. Go 6.3 miles to KY 1363, just past Yamacraw Bridge. Turn left and go 11.4 miles to the end of the blacktop; turn right onto Forest Service Road 564. Go 1.2 miles. Stay on 564 for 1.5 miles. Continue on Forest Service Road 562 for 5.8 miles until you reach Forest Service Road 6305 on your left.



**Open Dates**  
Trail is open all year.



**Trail Fees**  
None.



**Parking**  
Limited parking at trailhead on Forest Service Road 562 and the trailhead on Forest Service Road 137.



**Accessibility**  
This trail does not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



Trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.

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Parkers Mountain Trail, located on Stearns Ranger District, follows along the ridge for a mile before descending 600 feet to Rock Creek. Below the cliff you will encounter several coves, caves and small waterfalls. The trail ends on Forest Service Road 137. You can reach the Great Meadows Campground by following this road northeast for three miles.

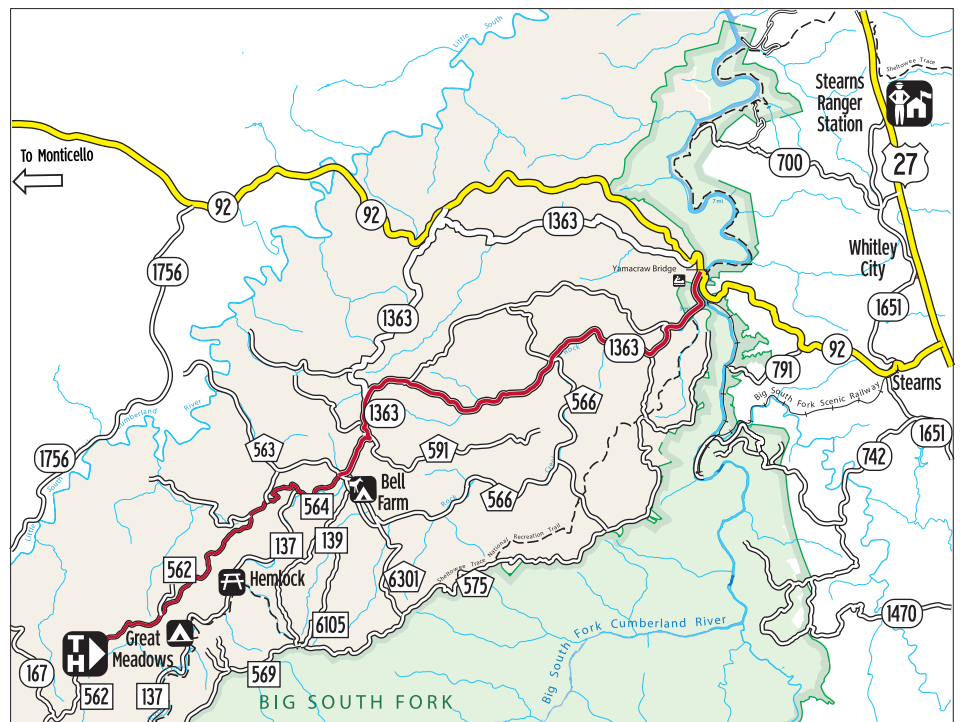
You can access the eastern trailhead by following the signs to Great Meadows campground. Continue 3 miles past the campground and the trailhead will be on your right.

## Connections: Buffalo Arch Trail #634A

Begins:	Forest Service Road 562	Ends:	Forest Service Road 137
Latitude:	36.610383	Latitude:	36.604283
Longitude:	-84.76653	Longitude:	-84.740883
Length:	2.5 miles	Quads:	Sharp Place, Barthell SW
Surface:	Dirt	Closest Town:	Stearns
Difficulty:	More difficult	County:	McCreary

**Great Meadows Campground** is developed on both sides of the road. Deer Loop is on the right; Raccoon Loop is on the left. The campground can accommodate RVs up to 35 feet. No hookups or dumpsites are available. Campsite availability is first-come, first-served basis.

**Rock Creek**, a designated Kentucky Wild River, runs along the Raccoon Loop. The creek is stocked with rainbow trout. A Kentucky state fishing license and compliance with all state fishing regulations are required.



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## Nearby Facilities: Great Meadows Campground



### Directions to Campground

Take US 27 south for 4.7 miles to KY 92. Turn right and go 1.2 miles, and then turn right on KY 92 at the Fastway Store. Go 5.3 miles to KY 1363; turn left and go 11.4 miles to the end of the blacktop. Turn right on Forest Service Road 564; go 1.2 miles and then turn left on Forest Service Road 137; go 4.4 miles.



### Open Dates

Raccoon Loop open all year; Deer Loop open April 1 to November 15.



### Hours of Operation

Campers only from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.



### Fees

None.



### Campsites

18 sites with picnic tables.



### Water

No water November 1 to mid-April at either loop.



### Restrooms

Accessible vault toilets.



### Trash Pickup

None. Pack out your trash.



### Accessibility

Deer Loop campsites are accessible for persons with disabilities. Area trails do not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



Horses are not allowed in the campground.

**Buffalo Arch Trail #634A** is accessed from the Parkers Mountain Trail. The trail follows a ridge for 1/4-mile before reaching the arch. Native Americans gave this arch its name because they used its height as an advantage when hunting buffalo. The arch is located at the end of a ridge, measuring 18 feet 6 inches high and 81 feet 8 inches wide. The ridgeline drops along the back of Buffalo Arch into a valley created by a nearby stream.

Begins:	Forest Service Road 562	Difficulty:	Easy
Ends:	Buffalo Arch	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	.25 mile	County:	McCreary
Quads:	Sharp Place	Latitude:	36.610383
Closest Town:	Stearns	Longitude:	-84.76653

## Storing Your Food and Trash in Bear Country

Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a hardtop vehicle, the trunk of a car or a bear-resistant container. When camping in the backcountry hang your food at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from a tree.

Food and trash storage is mandatory on the Daniel Boone National Forest.



**KNOW** before you **GO**  You are responsible for your own safety.

All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at [www.fs.usda.gov/r8](http://www.fs.usda.gov/r8).



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-  562 Forest Road
-  634 Forest Trail
-  Streams
-  Private Land
-  National Forest Land
-  Trailhead
-  Scenic Viewpoint
-  Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

